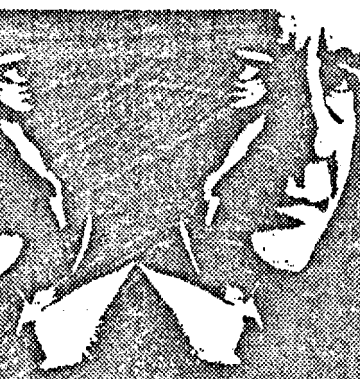


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# The truth about Kim Philby's double spy career is so incredible, it took the Western world 30 years to believe it.

"I have no reason to conclude that Mr. Philby has at any time betrayed the interests of his country," said Harold Macmillan in 1955.

By the time the Foreign Secretary gave this personal assurance to Parliament, Harold Adrian Russell Philby had been a dedicated agent of the Soviet Union for 22 years.

The Kim Philby for whom the future Prime Minister spoke was a fellow member of the Establishment that had always dominated their nation's affairs. The son of an eccentric, Kiplingesque empire builder, Philby was the product of a good public school, an excellent Cambridge college, and the right London clubs. This was the man who had entered British Intelligence in 1940, who set up in 1944 the special new section to deal with the Soviet Union, who was sent in 1949 to act as "link man" with the C.I.A. in Washington, who until 1951 was being groomed to head the Secret Service.

But there was a second Kim Philby — the real one. And the real Philby was a lifelong Communist who was recruited by the Soviet intelligence organization when he was only 22. The real Philby was a master of duplicity who earned a Fascist decoration on his first Communist assignment. From the mid-forties through the coldest years of the Cold War, he used his official positions within both American and British intelligence to destroy Allied operations, silence or kill Allied agents, protect a major atomic spy, and withhold vast quantities of intelligence about Russia.

This was the Kim Philby who served as liaison officer with U.S. intelligence on a particularly sensitive operation — and thus assured the bloody miscarriage of a C.I.A. project in Albania. He saw to it that a Russian defector named Volkov, who was about to turn over to the West the names of Russian agents, got instead a feet-first ride to Moscow. And when suspicion fell on him as the "third man" in the Burgess-Maclean affair, he escaped it with the same upper-class charm he used on associates, friends, and four wives.

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